THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) In the judgement delivered on 25.8.89 in Civil Appeal No. 3642 of 1989 (Shrimati Sushma Gosain & Others Vs. Union of India & Others) the Supreme Court directed the Government to create a supernumerary post, if necessary, for offering appointment to Mrs. Sushma Gosain on compassionate grounds. This directive was issued by the Supreme Court in the peculiar circumstances of that case. It is not, therefore, considered necessary to issue any fresh instructions on the basis of the judgement.

Compassionate appointments are discretionary in character and the existing instructions already provide for appointment of the dependents of deceased Govt. servants in really deserving cases where the family is in need of immediate assistance.

Status of Judgements of Central Administrative Tribunals

3071. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of a judgement given by the Central Administrative Tribunal;

(b) whether it can be challenged in the Supreme Court; and

(c) whether Government are bound to accept a judgement of Central Administrative Tribunal?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Administrative Tribunals created under a special law to deal with special categories of cases, like Central Administrative Tribunal which hears and decides cases relating to grievances of Central Government employees with regard to their service matters, are quasi judicial bodies and their decisions are quasi judicial.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Any party including the Government against whom a judgement is given by the Central Administrative Tribunal is bound to comply with the judgement unles the same is set aside by the Supreme Court.

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों पर श्वेत-पत्र

3072. **श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने दिनांक 11 जुलाई, 1990 के फाईनेन्शियल एक्सप्रैस में "व्हाईट पेपर ऑन पी.एस.यूस शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के संबंध में एक श्वेत-पत्र जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक जारी कर दिया जायेगा ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भाग्ये गोवर्धन) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकारी क्षेत्र संबंधी श्वेत-पत्र जारी करने के विचार धीन है ।

Change in the Criteria for Defining Poverty Line

3073. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the change in the criteria for defining poverty line during the last ten years;

(b) whether there is any move to change the criteria for defining poverty line during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) how many people have crossed the poverty line, with rural-urban break up, at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) There has been no change in the criteria for defining poverty line during the last ten years.

(b) Planning Commission has constituted an 'Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' to review the methodology of poverty estimation. The Group is yet to finalise its recommendations in this regard.

(c) The number of people below poverty line for the years 1983-84 and 1987-88 for which estimates have been made are given below:

Number of Persons below Poverty Line (*in lakhs*)

	Rural	Urban	Combined
1983-84	2215.00	495·00	2710·00
1987-88	1918.22	405 82	2324·04

Privatisation of sick Public Sector Undertakings

3074. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of sick public sector undertakings; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal for privatisation of Sick Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The details of central public sector enterprises which sustained net loss during 1988-89 and 1987-88 are given in the Statement 7B at pages from 187 to 189 of Volume-1 of Public Enterprises Survey 1988-89 placed on the Table of the House on 15th March, 1990.

(b) No, Sir.

Representations against Atomic Power Stations by Scientists/Environmental Groups

3075. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government give consideration to the representations against Atomic Power Stations from Scientists and Environmental groups in the country;

(b) if, so, the details of the recent controversy in Kerala between a scientist and AEC in this regard;

(c) what were the objections raised by the scientist against establishing an atomic power station;

(d) what is the view of AEC in this matter;

(e) whether AEC has ever agreed with any objections or opinions from those outside the Government and the Atomic Energy Establishment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?